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SUBJECT: MAY 21 MEETING WITH MARCOS: AQUINO

1. MARCOS TALKED TO ME AT LENGTH MAY 21 ABOUT AQUINO. HE SAID THAT "HUNGER STRIKE" HAD BEEN PHONY FROM BEGINNING. AQUINO'S DOCTOR WAS REPORTING FACTS TO GOVERNMENT, AND LET THEM KNOW THAT THERE WAS DEXTROSE IN THE WATER NINOY WAS DRINKING. AQUINO HAD ALSO INSTRUCTED DOCTOR NOT TO LET HIM DIE IF HIS ORGANS BEGAN TO SUFFER FROM THE FAST.

2. MARCOS SAID HE AND AQUINO UNDERSTOOD EACH OTHER VERY WELL. THERE WOULD BE ARESOLUTIONZ FAIRLY SOON. FIRST, GOP WOULD ARREST SEVERAL AQUINO "ACCOMPLICES" SUCH AS ROQUE ABLAN, WHO ARE KNOWN TO BE FRIENDS OF MARCOS. THEN THERE WOULD BE A TRIAL, AND WHOLE MATTER WOULD BE SETTLED. THEY WOULD ALL GO FREE, ONCE THEY HAD ALL BEEN CONVICTED.

3. IN SAME CONVERSATION MARCOS SAID THAT RAUL MANGLAPUS HAS BEGUN TO NEGOTIATE THROUGH TANADA FOR A RETURN TO THE PHILIPPINES. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE DEAL COULD BE WORKED OUT AND ANOTHER ANTI-MARCOS CRUSADER CORRALLED.

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